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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Discussion at the 369th Meeting
of the National Security Council,
Thursday, June 19, 1958

Present at the 369th NSC Meeting were the President of the United States, presiding; the Vice President of the United States; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Defense; and the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization. Also present were Mr. Fred C. Scribner, Jr., for the Secretary of the Treasury; the Attorney General; the Director, Bureau of the Budget; Mr. Walter Williams for the Secretary of Commerce (Items 2 and 5); the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; the Federal Civil Defense Administrator; the Chairman, Council on Foreign Economic Policy (Items 1 and 5); the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Director of Central Intelligence; the Deputy Assistant to the President; the Acting Director, U.S. Information Agency; the Director, International Cooperation Administration; the Special Assistants to the President for National Security Affairs, for Science and Technology, and for Security Operations Coordination; the White House Staff Secretary; Assistant Secretary of State Gerard Smith; Assistant Secretary of Defense Mansfield Sprague; the Naval Aide to the President; the Executive Secretary, NSC; and the Deputy Executive Secretary, NSC.

There follows a summary of the discussion at the meeting and the main points taken.

1. BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY
(NSC Action No. 1903; NSC 5810/1; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 26, 1958)

General Cutler explained that the President would be delayed for a few minutes and he would accordingly change the order of items on the agenda, dealing first with the question of U.S. policy with respect to international commodity agreements which had been unresolved when the Council last discussed it in connection with Paragraph 27-d of our new Basic National Security Policy (NSC 5810/1), at the Council meeting on May 1, 1958. He pointed out that on this occasion the issue had been referred to the Council on Foreign Economic Policy. On May 22, 1958 the Chairman of the CFEP, Mr. Randall, had filed a report with the Council giving the text of existing CFEP policy on international commodity

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- b. Directed the NSC Planning Board to review NSC 5613/1, as recommended by the Operations Coordinating Board, taking into account suggestions made at the Council meeting.
- c. Noted the President's request that the Central Intelligence Agency and the United States Information Agency jointly prepare an analysis of the relative volume of pro- and anti-U.S. statements during one week in the press and radio of selected Latin American nations.

NOTE: The action in c above, as approved by the President, subsequently transmitted to the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director, USIA, for appropriate implementation.

6. PREPARATIONS FOR A POSSIBLE SUMMIT MEETING
(NSC Action No. 1893)

General Cutler reminded the Council of the President's directive some months ago that a special NSC committee be established to make preparations for a possible summit meeting. The committee was to be chaired by the Secretary of State who was now being asked to report to the Council on the work of the committee thus far.

The President said that the Council should not take up this subject at this time and Secretary Dulles added that the issue of a summit conference was now so fluid that he did not feel it would be useful for him to make his report.

The National Security Council:

Deferred the report by the Secretary of State, scheduled for this meeting, on the work of the Special NSC Committee established pursuant to NSC Action No. 1893.

7. U.S. POLICY TOWARD GERMANY
(NSC 5803; NSC Action No. 1858)

General Cutler asked Secretary Dulles if he were in a position to report to the Council on the results of the continuing study by the Departments of State and Defense on major alternatives designed to achieve German unification. He pointed out that this study was required by Paragraph 4 of NSC 5803, pursuant to a Presidential directive.

Secretary Dulles replied that the departments in question had not come up with anything new and brilliant as a means of reunifying Germany in freedom. In fact he said there was no formula in existence today which could succeed in achieving German unification on terms acceptable to the U.S. Secretary Dulles expressed himself as strongly opposed to all the formulas which involved the so-called "disengagement" of the Federal Republic. On the contrary, the Federal Republic must be kept with the West. The only thing which will free Germany, continued Secretary Dulles, was a thorough re-orientation of Soviet policy toward all the Soviet satellites. There was clearly no chance of such a re-orientation at the present time. Some day however he hoped that the Soviets might realize the advantage of being surrounded by friendly or neutral countries like Finland instead of being surrounded by sullen and unwilling satellites. Secretary Dulles commented that he had said as much as this to Gromyko. The latter had responded that the Soviet Union needed no advice from the Secretary of State as to how to carry on its relations with the peoples' democracies. (Laughter).

The National Security Council:

Noted an oral report by the Secretary of State on the results of the continuing study by the Departments of State and Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff required by paragraph 44 of NSC 5803, pursuant to the President's directive in NSC Action No. 1858.

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